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A SALUTE TO MICHAEL K. SIMPSON
PRESIDENT OF UTICA COLLEGE

HON. SHERWOOD L. BOEHLERT

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 1997

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to extend my congratulations to my great friend, Michael K. Simpson, who will be retiring as the president of Utica College of Syracuse University this January to become the president of the American University in Paris.

Dr. Simpson has had a most distinguished career as both an academic and community leader. His contributions to Utica College and the surrounding community are countless. Throughout his very rich and rewarding life, President Simpson has never hesitated to share his time and abilities with the people of the Mohawk Valley. His contributions to the United Way of Greater Utica, the Oneida County School-Business Alliance, the Health and Hospital Council of the Mohawk Valley, and the Boy Scouts of America, among many others, exemplify a commitment to our community second to none.

But it is Utica College, my alma mater, that has benefited most notably from Mike's creativity, leadership and intellectual firepower. Mike's academic credentials are of the highest order. He holds degrees in international relations, business, law and diplomacy and has his doctorate in international politics from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. He has imparted his knowledge and love of international politics, diplomacy and economics for the past 21 years at Utica College and through the many study abroad programs that he has directed. He has been an inspiration to several generations of students.

As president, Mike has been able to expand programs and increase the college's presence in our community while returning the institution to a sound financial footing. Under Mike's tutelage, the physical therapy program received accreditation and a pathbreaking graduate program in economic crime investigation is being developed. The Young Scholars Program, which teams Utica College students with inner city youth, has received national acclaim. And the campus's capital campaign is not only meeting its ambitious targets, but is moving forward ahead of schedule.

All this makes it clear why I am so proud to call Mike Simpson my friend. It also shows why I was upset, but not surprised to learn that Mike has been offered his new prestigious post in Paris. Mike indeed has all the requisite traits to be a leader of international standing. Our community was blessed to have him among us for so long.

As Mike departs this January, his contributions will be missed, but never forgotten. I wish Mike the best in his new adventures and endeavors. His travels may take him to the far corners of the Earth, but Utica, the Mohawk Valley and I will always hold Mike Simpson in our minds—and hearts—as a great educator, a valued citizen, and a true friend.

TRIBUTE TO TYREE COLEMAN,
FROM INDIANAPOLIS, IN

HON. JULIA CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that Mr. Tyree Coleman, from Indianapolis, IN has been honored with the Ameritech Award for Excellence in Crime Prevention. The National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech selected Mr. Coleman from over 140 nominations. Mr. Coleman has proven that he is wise beyond his years through his leadership, insight, empathy for others, and pioneering efforts.

Mr. Coleman was only 6 years old when he recognized the lack of constructive programs that were available at the Clearstream Gardens Public Housing Community in Indianapolis. Instead of participating in delinquent activities, Mr. Coleman and his peers walked through the community with poster board signs advocating for positive activity. This demonstration caught the attention of staff, community leaders, and the media. This attention resulted in the implementation of new activities and regular meetings involving youth.

At the young age of 9, Mr. Coleman witnessed his 17-year-old brother getting shot. Fortunately, unlike so many of his friends, Mr. Coleman's brother survived the incident, but Mr. Coleman was motivated to continue developing alternatives to violent crime. He participated in the community's first Youth as Resources Project. Youth as Resources is a community-based program that allows young people to display their resourcefulness through youth led, youth implemented community service projects.

At 12, while living at a homeless shelter, Mr. Coleman began a tutoring program with books donated from teachers and funds provided by a small Youth as Resources grant. He instituted an accountability system at the shelter that tracked students' attendance, behavior, and completion of homework. He also recognized his peers' commendable efforts with awards. After leaving the shelter he was active in the Near Eastside Community Organization Crime-Watch program. There, Mr. Coleman started a library in his neighborhood where he collected 7,000 books.

Now, 18, Mr. Coleman is a senior at Northwest High School and the Chair of the Youth as Resources Marion County Action Board. His dedication to fighting crime has never diminished.

I thank the National Crime Prevention Council and Ameritech for selecting Mr. Coleman. I applaud NCPC for its dedication to providing individuals with the tools to fight crime and build community, and Ameritech for its commitment to supporting crime prevention initiatives.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to present hard working individuals like Mr. Coleman who have dedicated their lives to crime prevention.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH KOZO

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph F. Kozo who has faithfully served the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan for over 55 years. His friends and colleagues will recognize his achievements at the In Celebration Dinner on November 19, 1997, at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, MI.

When Joe Kozo was 7 years old, he became a member of the Boys Club in Bethlehem, PA. His membership gave him the opportunity to enjoy activities such as arts, crafts, games, sports, group clubs, and service groups. His leadership in the organization began when he was chosen to become a monitor by the club director.

After serving in the World War II, Mr. Kozo enrolled at Wayne State University. During his college years, he became the Boys Club of Detroit's first intern. After earning his degree in education, Mr. Kozo was selected to be the full-time physical education director of the Boys Club's Howard B. Bloomer Building in Detroit.

Mr. Kozo served in a variety of capacities before becoming executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan. He has helped to develop new activities, secure funding, grants and scholarships while guiding volunteers and children through the many programs that the organization has to offer.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America is a diverse organization that provides a safe outlet for children to participate in educational, physical and service activities. As a result of these programs, children learn decisionmaking and leadership skills. But most importantly, they learn to value themselves and each other. Mr. Kozo's vision and contributions have touched the lives of thousands of young boys and girls. I would like to thank Mr. Kozo for all he has done for the children involved in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan.

BOB WORTHINGTON: WORLD-RE-
KNOWN FIRE PROTECTION EXP-
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HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

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Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, the greatest fear many people have is to find their homes and their loved ones attacked by a raging fire. Nothing can provide greater peace of mind for this concern than an effective, professionally installed fire suppression system. Robert Worthington, Sr., makes it his job to provide this security. For his efforts, Bob is the 1997 recipient of the Golden Sprinkler Award from the National Fire Sprinkler Association Awards Committee—the industry's highest honor. The Golden Sprinkler Award was established in 1986 to honor an individual's lifetime contributions to the fire sprinkler industry.

Bob has dedicated his life to fire prevention and public safety. He is currently President